



Kendall students Brian Morris (left), 13, and Tyese Wright, 7, stand proudly after signing the Pledge of Allegiance with President Ronald Reagan (right) Sept. 15 at the Capitol.

Board holds special session, sets mandate for presidential search

In a special session on Sept. 15, the Gallaudet Board of Trustees met to develop a mandate for the newly established Presidential Search Committee in its mission of finding a new president for the University. Dr. Jerry C. Lee has announced his resignation from the presidency effective Jan. 1, 1988.

Following the morning board meeting, the 12-member committee convened to begin planning for the search process.

The charge developed by the board asked that the committee "adopt a single-committee concept, stressing that each member of the committee has an obligation to act in the best interest of Gallaudet University rather than as a representative of the constituency with

which he or she may be identified."

Further, the board's mandate stated that the committee "is responsible for identifying and developing a diverse pool of qualified candidates ... and with the task of submitting the names of no less than three but no more than five candidates who meet the qualifications for the position of President."

Board members Phil Bravin and Dr. Robert Sanderson are serving as the committee's chair and vice chair, respectively. Other board members serving on the committee are: Alex Patterson, Gus Rathe, Dr. Laurel Glass and Dr. Frank Sullivan. (Bravin, Sanderson and Sullivan are Gallaudet graduates). Board Chair Jane Bassett Spilman is a member *ex officio*.

On-campus members of the committee and the groups they represent are: Dr. Nancy Kensicki, alumni; Dr. Neil Reynolds, all faculties; Tim Rarus, students; Denise Sullivan, staff; and Dr. Catherine Ingold, administration.

Gallaudet is advertising the presidential position in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Broadcaster*, *American Annals of the Deaf* and other educational journals. In addition, major institutions and organizations across the country are being asked for nominations for the position.

The detailed advertisement seeks an individual with an earned doctorate and "broad successful administrative leadership and proven management effectiveness in education, industry or other large organizations." The candidate must have "broad and deep knowledge of deafness and the variety of issues important to the higher education of hearing impaired persons," or "sensitivity to issues significant to individuals

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PCD takes action in search for new Gallaudet president

In the weeks prior to the Gallaudet Board of Trustees' special meeting Sept. 15, members of the President's Council on Deafness (PCD) were kept busy with a variety of activities, most of them related to the search for a new Gallaudet president.

At a "Town Hall" meeting in Ole Jim on Sept. 8, 72 deaf Gallaudet personnel gathered for a potluck dinner and vigorous discussion about what qualities and capabilities they would like to see in the University's next president. From that meeting came recommendations for choosing appropriate people to serve on the Presidential Search Committee, and the establishment of two task forces.

In a letter to Dr. Jerry C. Lee on Sept. 11, PCD officers Dr. William Marshall, chair, and Nancy Bloch, vice chair, told the president that "all 72 deaf people assembled at the meeting unanimously approved the motion that deaf people representing the faculty and staff be invited to sit on the board's Presidential Search Committee." The letter asked Lee to petition the Board of Trustees to appoint two people from a list of nine suggested by the PCD.

The PCD's recommendations were presented to the chairs of both the board and the committee. According to Lillian Holt, administrator to the president and the Board of Trustees, a decision was made to maintain the membership of the committee as established prior to the board meeting because "it was imperative that the structure of the committee not become unmanageable."

Holt said that the PCD "will have a communication channel with the chair of the committee and the opportunity to address any issue of concern." Additionally, the representatives from the PCD and other campus groups will be invited to interview the final presidential

candidates and to submit their reactions to the Board of Trustees.

Marshall and Bloch met with Lee the day before last week's special session of the board. Marshall said, "Dr. Lee has been more than willing to be our advocate in this matter. His enthusiasm and support have been quite evident."

In a letter to the president two weeks earlier, Marshall and Bloch praised his efforts to help PCD become "a proactive body on campus-wide issues." The PCD officers also commended Board Chair Jane Bassett Spilman for recommending Phil Bravin as the search committee's chair.

Dr. Allen Sussman, professor in the Department of Counseling, was selected chair of one PCD task force that will develop a list of deaf people from across the country who will be recommended to the search committee for nomination to the presidential office.

Marshall said that attendees at the October meeting of PCD's at-large membership will have the opportunity to vote on the recommendations of the task force. Following the vote, PCD officers will submit the list of names to the chair of the search committee, asking that the committee invite the nominees to apply for the position.

The second task force, chaired by Dr. Jeff Lewis, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling, will develop a list of nominees for membership on the Gallaudet Board of Trustees. Again, the at-large membership of PCD will approve the list, which will then be sent to Lee to present to the board prior to its February meeting.

Marshall said that Lee had already recommended that one of the vacancies on the board be filled by a deaf person, and that he is willing to accept more names for consideration.



Sen. Daniel Inouye

Sen. Inouye appointed to Board

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) is Gallaudet's newest member of the Board of Trustees.

Inouye was recently appointed to his new position by the majority leader of the Senate. Gallaudet's previous trustee, serving in the Republican-controlled Senate, was Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY).

A Hawaii native whose grandparents emigrated from Japan to work on Hawaii sugar plantations, Inouye was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1959 as the new state of Hawaii's first congressman. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962.

He is the third ranking leader among the Senate Democrats as secretary of the Democratic Conference, a caucus-elected position he has held since 1978.

Inouye gained national exposure and respect as a member of the Senate

Watergate Committee in 1973-74. He again received nationwide recognition during the Iran/contra hearings, as chair of a Senate select committee to investigate secret military arms sales to Iran and the Nicaraguan contras. He was appointed to head this committee in December 1986.

Inouye is chair of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs and also serves on the Senate Appropriations, Commerce, Science and Transportation, and Rules and Administration committees.

The senator has expressed support for Gallaudet University's new Center on Deafness now being established in Honolulu, and he plans to attend the formal opening.

Gallaudet's Board of Trustees also has two other congressional members: Rep. David Bonior (D-Mich.) and Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wisc.)

New School of Communication dean aims for excellence in programs

"I expect excellence in all our programs. I expect excellence among the faculty. I expect that all future faculty hired will be topnotch, because that's how you will have topnotch programs."

That's Dr. Njeri Nuru, new dean of Gallaudet's School of Communication talking, and she doesn't expect anything of the school or its faculty that she doesn't expect of herself.

On campus in her new position since July 1, Nuru already has plans to develop an interdisciplinary communications laboratory, expand the degree program in interpreter training, do research on multicultural aspects of deafness and develop new publications, including a research journal or monograph series.

Add to that her active membership in a number of professional organizations (including serving on two national committees of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association), attendance in sign language classes four times a week and oversight of six academic and two service departments in the School of Communication.

And in her free time? "I have no free time," she said, smiling, but she still manages to read books about Gallaudet history and other topics, go to the movies, jog and take pride in the accomplishments of her two junior high school-age daughters.

Nuru, formerly associate dean of the School of Communication at Howard University and a graduate associate professor of audiology, holds a doctorate in audiology from the University of Maryland. She attended Gallaudet for the first semester of her graduate work in audiology before transferring to Howard University. "Between the two schools, I got an excellent education," she said.

As head of the School of Communication, she is responsible for the overall leadership of the school, which houses programs in six academic departments: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Communication Arts, Linguistics and Interpreting, Sign Communication, Theatre Arts, and Television, Film and Photography. The school also administers Technical Support (cable engineering) and the Gallaudet Interpreting Service.

In addition to offering master's degree

programs in linguistics and audiology, the school began a new master's program in speech-language pathology this fall.

A primary aim is to get the new degree program accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), said Nuru. "Everything we do now is aimed toward getting that accreditation because it maintains a reputation of quality within the profession." The master's program in audiology is already accredited.

Nuru is working toward establishing a new state-of-the-art communications laboratory that could serve the entire School of Communication. "We are exploring the different types that exist so that we can come up with the ideal lab," she said.

Also on the drawing board is a proposal to expand the school's program in interpreter training. The school currently offers an associate of arts degree in interpreting, but there is a great need for additional training, she said.

"There are not enough interpreters and also not enough minority interpreters to provide for multicultural interpreting," Nuru said.

Multicultural aspects of deafness is an area of personal interest for Nuru. "As an example, if in the Asian culture eye contact is not encouraged between younger and older individuals, how does that provide a dilemma for deaf people, where eye contact is important?" she asked.

Through her research, Nuru plans to study values particular to individual cultures and see how they relate to the culture of deafness. A team of three graduate research assistants, from China, India and Ghana, will help her with her work.

Nuru also plans that the School of Communications will develop either a monograph series or a journal on research. "I see the school as a major clearinghouse in information related to deafness," she said. Faculty are now working on developing this concept.

Nuru spoke highly of the faculty in the school. "I think the department chairs in the school are extremely strong," she noted. "That's the kind of support I need." She said she was impressed with the faculty and their productivity.

"The University itself is very outstanding and has a worldwide reputation," Nuru said. "I'm glad to be part of it."



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with disabilities and demonstrated success for dealing with those concerns."

Proficiency in or the willingness to learn sign language is mandatory, and the advertisement encourages applications and nominations from hearing impaired people. The deadline for applications is Nov. 26.

In the event that a president is not selected and in office by Jan. 1, a Central Administration management team will provide day-to-day administration of the University, reporting directly to the Executive Committee of the board. A future *On the Green* article will provide details about this transitional period.

Poster contest begins

The Council for Better Hearing and Speech Month has opened its 10th annual poster child competition.

The winner, along with a celebrity, will serve as the spokesperson for the Council, be featured in national news media and participate in the May 1, 1988, campaign kick-off in Washington, DC.

Nominees must be ages 5 to 8 and be hearing or speech impaired. Entries must be received by Oct. 30.

For entry forms, contact Kellie Jean Bowles in the Public Relations Office, EMG Room 105, x5505.

Alcohol-related course scheduled

Hearing impaired adults who grew up in alcoholic families or who know other people who did will have the opportunity to participate in a special short course being offered soon through Gallaudet.

Dr. Fran White, associate professor in the Department of Counseling, is leading the course, which begins Oct. 10 and continues through Nov. 14. It will be held for six Saturdays on the Northwest Campus from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"This is an educational and experiential focus on what the family is like, roles played in the family and how that impacts on the person today," explained White. She hopes that participants will look at the impact of alcoholism on their lives.

White is a founding member of the local group for adult children of alcoholics. The Gallaudet course is the first of its kind to be offered to hearing impaired people.

The course is open to faculty, staff and students. People wishing to register can contact Lou Ann Lynch at x5551.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: '81 Citation hatchback, good cond., 2-tone, cruise control, AC, 4-DR, \$1,995/BO. Call Ken, 445-1405 (TDD) days/eves.

FOR SALE: TDD, Superprint by Ultratec inc. answering machine, exc. cond., still new, \$400; '80 VW camper w/ pop-up, sleeps 4, new tires, good cond., \$4,000. Call Sandra, 495-0142 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Brownish-grey recliner, few yrs. old, very good cond. Call Maryte, x5005.

FOR SALE: '82 Toyota Tercel SR5, good cond., 48,000 miles. '85 Toyota pick-up truck, good cond. Must sell immediately. Call Rick, 552-4381 (TDD) eves., x5349 (V) days.

FOR RENT: Room in house, kitchen priv., New Carrollton area, 20 min. from Gallaudet. Call Rick, 552-4381 (TDD) eves., x5349 (V) days.

WANTED: Person to share 3-BR townhouse w/2 older grad. students, W/D, fireplace, patio, easy walk to Gallaudet, \$275/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call 546-4214 (V/TDD).

WANTED: Ride to Kendall School for 11-yr.-old from Fort Washington, Md. After Sept. will only need ride in. Call Lillie Reynolds, 745-8000, x7775 (V) days, 292-4163 (V) eves.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

EVENTS CREW PERSON: Business Services

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING ADVISOR: MSSD Educational Planning Office

CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER: Safety and Security

RESIDENCE EDUCATION ASSISTANT: MSSD Residence Programs

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Kendall student Davone Thompson, center, stands mesmerized by the juggling performance of clown Hazel Johansen as she welcomes KDES students on the first day of school.